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SUMMARY: CHINESE LATER NOVEMBER 18, CONFIRMING THAT OWN REPORT OF FACK-RAHAL MEETING IN ACCORD WITH OURS, PROPOSED SECOND FACK-RAHAL MEETING NOVEMBER 19 TO BRING TWO SIDES AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO AGREEMENT. NO TEXT IS TO BE SURFACED AT SECOND FACK-RAHAL MEETING. IF MEETING GOES WELL AND SUBSEQUENT ALGERIAN-NORTH KOREAN DISCUSSION FRUITFUL, NORTH KOREANS WILL THEN PROPOSE TEXT BACK THROUGH ALGERIAN-NETHERLANDS CHANNEL. WE BRIEFED DUTCH EARLY MORNING NOVEMBER 19 FOR FACK MEETING WITH RAHAL WHEN FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE RESUMES. END SUMMARY.

1. CHOU TELEPHONED JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT NOVEMBER 18. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT OF FACK-RAHAL MEETING THAT BASICALLY IN ACCORD WITH REPORT WE HAD RECEIVED FROM DUTCH (AND PASSED BACK TO CHOU.).
 2. CHOU SAID THAT AFTER CONSULTATIONS THEY HAD CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE NOW FOR FACK AND RAHAL TO MEET AGAIN ASAP NOVEMBER 19. FACK SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE BUT SHOULD NO PASS ANY TEXT. AFTER THIS FACK-RAHAL MEETING, IF EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY, THEN NORTH KOREANS WOULD PRODUCE THE TEXT
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THROUGH ALGERIANS. CHOU RECOMMENDED THAT IN SECOND MEETING FACK WORK AS SPECIFICALLY AND CAREFULLY AS POSSIBLE TO NARROW DOWN ELEMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN CONSENSUS STATEMENT AND ATTEMPT TO GET RAHAL TO DROP THOSE UNACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS HE HAD SUGGESTED

NOVEMBER 17. HE AGREED, LEAVING TACTICS OF MEETING TO US, THAT FACK FOR THIS PURPOSE MIGHT COUNTER RAHAL'S UN-ACCEPTABLE POINTS BY EINTRODUCING PEACE AND SECURITY ELEMENT.

3. IN NOV 18 TELECON, CHOU EMPHASIZED THAT FACK SHOULD PRODUCE NO WRITTEN DOCUMENT, AND THAT WE SHOULD ENSURE THAT NO TEXT SURFACED BY ANYONE ON OUR SIDE.

4. CHOU SAID THAT, DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF THIS SECOND FACK-RAHAL MEETING, WE COULD RE-ZXAMINE NEXT STAGE, HOPEFULLY SURFACING OF TEXT THROUGH FACK-RAHAL CHANNEL. HE FELF THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DO SO LATE NOVEMBER 19. AND THAT IT MIGHT THEN BE POSSIBLE TO "HINT" TO FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, WITHOUT SHOWING TEXT, THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING ON. PURPOSE OF SECOND FACK-RAHAL MEETING IS TO MOVE US AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO MEETING OF FACK-RAHAL MINDS ON WHAT COULD BE IN CONSENSUS. ALGERIANS WOULD GO BACK TO NORTH KOREANS AND TEXT ITSELF WOULD THEN BE PROPOSED BY NORTH KOREANS AND TEXT ITSELF WOULD THEN BE PROPOSED BY NORHT KOREANS THROUGH ALGERIANS.

5. EARLY MORNING NOVEMBER 19 WE BRIEFED DUTCH DEPUTY VAN DER KLAUW, TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE FACK APPROACH TO RAHAL IN FIRST COMMITTEE.

6. WE INFORMED CHOU THAT ROK COSPOSORS MEETING SCHEDULED MORNING NOVEMBER 20. WE AGREED TO CONSULT ON WHAT WE COULD SAY ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS, DEPENDING ON INTERVENING DEVELOPMENTS, AT THAT MEETING.

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